



Request for Exception to the GPA Requirement

A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 for your Bachelor's Degree is the listed admission requirement. However, there are many ways we evaluate candidates and encourage you to apply even if you don't meet this requirement outright. Alternatives to this requirement include:

- A GPA of 3.05 in the last 60 semester (or 90 quarter) units of your undergraduate degree.
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher in at least 9 semester units of graduate school coursework.
- Or, Completion of this form and supply accompanying statement (instructions below).

We evaluate candidates on the merits and overall strength of all materials submitted, using a holistic approach to align your background experiences and strengths with program fit and opportunity for academic and career success. These documents become one aspect of many components in the review and evaluation of your application.

Please complete this table for the cover page:

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| Legal Last Name, Legal First Name: | |
| Personal Email: | |
| Preferred Name and Pronouns: | |
| LMU Program Application for: | |
| Bachelor's Degree Year: | |
| College/University of Bachelor's: | |
| Subject Matter of Bachelor's: | |
| Approximate Cumulative GPA: | |

Complete an **accompanying statement** to this cover page. *(Instructions on following page.)*

Accompanying Statement: Please use an additional 2-3 full pages of this Word document to provide a double-spaced statement addressing your undergraduate GPA and what contributed to it. Note: this ***statement must be at least two FULL pages, to the bottom of the page*** for faculty reviewers.

Provide any information you feel is relevant to your request for admission. Some items to consider include, but are not limited to:

- extenuating circumstances that impacted your studies;
- significant life/personal circumstances that you wish to share;
- professional experiences relevant to the program you are applying to;
- your career goals and professional plans and how you've since developed
- gained experiences that have lead you to this application/career;
- additional information you wish to include that speaks to your anticipated success in completing graduate level coursework.

In your minimum ***TWO FULL pages (to the very bottom of second page) for your statement***, that gets included with the cover page, be sure to include:

- Legal Name
- Date
- Title: *Statement: Request for Exception to the GPA Requirement*

Please send your GPA cover page and accompanying statement to soeinfo@lmu.edu for uploading to your application and/or alternatively upload in the Personal Statement section of your application, along with your additional Personal Statement.